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BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

LET BATMAN
AND ROBIN
PLANT THE FLAG
ON THE PEAK!
I'LL MAKE
SURE THEY
NEVER
RETURN!

THERE WAS A CYLINDER OF MICROFILM WORTH MORE THAN MILLIONS TO THE UNDERWORLD... BUT IT WAS LOST--ATOP THE MOST DANGEROUS PEAK IN THE WORLD! SO BATMAN AND ROBIN MUST NOW JOIN AN EXPEDITION TO ASCEND THE UNCLIMBABLE MOUNT K-4! BUT THERE ARE COUNTLESS DANGERS ON THIS TRAIL ABOVE THE CLOUDS, AND THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS NEED ALL THEIR SKILL AND WITS TO SURVIVE THE...

JOURNEY TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD!

BOB
KANE

ONE MORNING, HIGH OVER THE HIMALAYAS, AS A SOLITARY PLANE WINGS ITS WAY PAST A MIGHTY STRATOSPHERIC BARRIER OF ROCK KNOWN AS MOUNT K-4...

THE MOTOR'S ON FIRE! WE'RE GONNA CRASH!
GET RID OF THAT CYLINDER! WHATEVER HAPPENS, IT MUSTN'T BE FOUND IF THIS PLANE CRASHES!

A TINY BLACK CYLINDER HURTTLES OUT OF THE DYING PLANE AND LANDS ON THE HARD-PACKED FROZEN SNOW ATOP K-4! SECONDS LATER, THERE IS A BURST OF FLAME AGAINST A MOUNTAIN SIDE...

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BATMAN



SHORTLY AFTERWARD, TWO WORLD-FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE SUMMONED TO THE F. B. I. OFFICES IN WASHINGTON...

BATMAN AND ROBIN, A PLANE RECENTLY LEFT HONG KONG CARRYING A MICROFILM WITH THE NAMES OF SOME SUPER-CRIMINALS WHO ARE FORMING AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME CARTEL!



WE'VE JUST LEARNED THAT THE PLANE CRASHED IN THE HIMALAYAS! OUR AGENTS REACHED THE WRECKAGE, BUT THEY COULD FIND NO TRACE OF THE MICROFILM! WE'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE UNDERWORLD IS SEARCHING FOR IT TOO-- BUT THEY HAVEN'T FOUND IT EITHER!

WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED TO IT?



WE'RE SURE THAT THE CYLINDER WAS JETTISONED SHORTLY BEFORE THE CRASH! THAT WOULD PLACE ITS PROBABLE WHEREABOUTS HERE-- ON THE TOP OF MOUNT K-4!

THE WORLD'S MOST UNCLIMBABLE PEAK! THE PLACE WHERE THE MYSTERY SNOW CREATURE OF LEGEND IS SUPPOSED TO LIVE!



AS IT HAPPENS, THERE'S AN EXPEDITION SETTING OUT TO TRY TO CONQUER K-4! WE'D LIKE YOU TO JOIN IT, BATMAN, AND FIND THAT MISSING CYLINDER!

IT'LL BE SOMETHING LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE ON THE BIGGEST HAYSTACK IN THE WORLD... BUT WE'LL DO OUR BEST, SIR!



SOON, IN THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

NOBODY'S EVER SUCCEEDED IN REACHING THE PEAK OF K-4, DICK! A LOT OF MEN HAVE DIED TRYING TO DO IT!

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TWO CRACKERJACK AMERICAN MOUNTAINEERS, BRUCE MARTIN AND DICK GREEN, EH? I HOPE WE CAN LIVE UP TO OUR...UH... REPUTATIONS!



A FEW DAYS LATER, HALF A WORLD AWAY...

MY NAME IS HANS VERGLAS... I WILL LEAD THE EXPEDITION UP K-4! I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE OTHERS WHO ARE GOING ALONG WITH US!



SIDNEY SMYTHE IS ENGLAND'S RENOWNED CLIMBER!



PAUL FRECHET-- THE BEST MOUNTAINEER IN FRANCE!



RAMON NOSOTRO OF BRAZIL-- WHO HAS CONQUERED THE HIGHEST PEAKS OF HIS NATIVE SOUTH AMERICA!





BATMAN



THAT EVENING, IN THE ROOM OF ONE OF THE EXPEDITION MEMBERS...

WE WILL CONQUER K-4 BECAUSE WE MUST! BUT ONLY I SHALL LIVE TO REACH THE SUMMIT! NO WITNESSES CAN RETURN TO TELL WHAT LIES ON THE PEAK OF K-4!

BEFORE DAWN, THE EXPEDITION SETS OUT! HIGHER AND HIGHER THEY CLIMB... UNTIL AS THEY MOUNT A COULOIRE*

HANS VERGLAS TOOK A CHANCE COMING THIS WAY! CLIMBING A GULLY LIKE THIS IS RISKY... IT'S WHERE MOST ROCK FALLS TAKE PLACE, DICK!

GOLLY, BRUCE-- ONE'S STARTING ALREADY!

*COULOIRE: A STEEP GULLY ON A MOUNTAIN.

A SWIFT RATTLING SOUND DEEPENS, INCREASES... AND A BOMBARDMENT OF STONES BEATS DOWN ON BRUCE AND DICK...

QUICK! HOLD ON WITH ONE HAND, DICK--AND TAKE OFF YOUR KNAPSACK!

USING THEIR KNAPSACKS AS SHIELDS, THEY BARELY SURVIVE THE DAZING BARRAGE OF ROCK...



WHEW! THE ROCK FALL IS STOPPING!

ACROSS THE BERGSCHRUND* THE TINY PARTY OF INTREPID CLIMBERS MAKES ITS WAY...



THIS IS TRICKY GOING, DICK... THERE'S USUALLY A LARGE CREVASSE HERE! ONE FALSE STEP--AND WE'LL ALL PLUNGE RIGHT THROUGH.

*BERGSCHRUND: THE CREVASSE AT THE HEAD OF A GLACIER.

LATER, AS THEY MOUNT A DIFFICULT WALL OF ICE...



YA-AA-AA...

OH, NO!



HMM... THIS ROPE ISN'T FRAYED THROUGH! IT'S BEEN CUT BY AN ICE AXE! GUESS IT'S TIME FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE!



BATMAN



DAWN-- AND AS THE EXPEDITION MAKES READY TO RESUME ITS CLIMB...



I'VE GOT A SHARP STONE IN MY SHOE, FELLOWS! YOU GO AHEAD, AND I'LL CATCH UP LATER!

I'LL STICK WITH YOU, BRUCE... YOU MAY NEED FIRST AID!

SOON AFTER...



THESE SNOWMEN REPLICAS OF OURSELVES WILL FOOL ANYBODY WHO LOOKS BACK TO SEE IF WE'RE STILL AROUND!

MEANWHILE, IT'LL GIVE US A CHANCE TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDER OF SYDNEY SMYTHE!

AND AFTER A TORTUROUS DESCENT...



SMYTHE'S BODY MUST HAVE LANDED JUST ABOUT--

BATMAN! SOMEBODY'S SHOOTING AT US!

HE'S GETTING CLOSE, BATMAN! WE'RE PINNED LIKE BUTTERFLIES ON A BOARD!

SWIFTLY, THEY DART FOR SHELTER BENEATH A ROCK OVERHANG...



ONLY ONE WAY OUT--UP THE CLIFF! HMM... THERE'S A PITON* LEFT BEHIND BY THE OTHER CLIMBERS!

*PITON: A STEEL SPIKE USED BY MOUNTAINERS TO HOLD A CLIMBING ROPE.



NO USE, THOUGH... THE ROPE WON'T REACH IT!

IT JUST MISSED!

THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER'S INGENUITY COMES QUICKLY INTO PLAY, AS HE PIECES OUT THE ROPE WITH HIS BELT BUCKLE AND A COIL OF WIRE FROM HIS BELT-RADIO KIT...



A FEW MINUTES LATER...



THE ROPE IS JUST LONG ENOUGH NOW! UP WE GO!

WHEW! NOT MUCH TIME TO SPARE! THAT MARKSMAN JUST GOT A BEAD ON OUR HIDING PLACE!



BATMAN



FINALLY, AS THEY GAIN A VANTAGE OF SAFETY...

THE KILLER VANISHED... NO CHANCE OF FINDING HIM AGAIN ON THIS MOUNTAIN!

WE MAY AS WELL REJOIN THE OTHERS. GOSH-- NOW WE KNOW FOR SURE THAT ONE OF THEM IS A MURDERER!

LATER, AS NIGHT FALLS...

ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION ARE PRESENT! WHICH ONE SNEAKED AWAY TO MAKE THAT ATTACK ON US?

I NOTICED SOMETHING THAT WILL INTEREST BATMAN!

AND AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY...

I CHECKED EVERYBODY'S EQUIPMENT. BRUCE AND RAMON NOSOTRO HAS LOST HIS ICE AXE!

HMM... IT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED WHEN HE CUT THE ROPE THAT SENT SYDNEY SMYTHE PLUNGING TO HIS DEATH! WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP A CAREFUL WATCH ON HIM!

THE THIRD DAY'S CLIMB FINDS THE MOUNTAINEERS GRADUALLY NEARING THE FINAL PEAK OF K-4...

EVERYBODY-- WAIT!

WHAT'S WRONG, FRECHET?

LOOK... THOSE QUEER TRACKS IN ZE SNOW! THEY ARE ZE FOOTPRINTS OF ZE MYSTERY SNOW CREATURE!

FANTASTIC! I DON'T BELIEVE IT, FRECHET!

BUT AFTER A SHORT DISCUSSION...

WE ARE GOING TO FOLLOW ZE TRACKS! TO SOLVE ZE MYSTERY OF ZE MYSTERY SNOW CREATURE IS TOO GOOD A CHANCE FOR US TO MISS!

WE'LL PUSH ON... WE WANT TO MAKE THE SUMMIT! TODAY!

AS SOON AS THE OTHERS DEPART, BRUCE AND PICK CHANGE INTO THEIR SPECIALLY HEAT-INSULATED COSTUMES.

DO YOU THINK THE "CREATURE'S" TRACKS WERE PLANTED TO LURE THE OTHERS AWAY FROM TRYING TO MAKE THE PEAK OF K-4?

IT'S POSSIBLE! ROBIN! FRECHET SEEMED AWFULLY ANXIOUS TO FOLLOW THE TRAIL! BUT IF IT'S A TRICK, HE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE THE OTHERS EVENTUALLY-- AND HEAD FOR THE SUMMIT ALONE!



BATMAN



BUT UPON RETURNING TO THE LEDGE WHERE THE MYSTERIOUS KILLER APPEARED...

HE'S GONE!
HE MUST BE HEADING FOR THE SUMMIT!
WE'VE GOT TO BEAT HIM THERE!

RISKING DEATH TIME AFTER TIME, THE INTREPID CRIME-FIGHTERS SURGE UPWARD TOWARD DIZZYING HEIGHTS NEVER REACHED BEFORE BY MORTAL MAN!

MOUNTAINEERS CALL THIS CLIMBING "COURT ECHELLE"! WHEN THERE'S NO OTHER HANDHOLD, THEY SIMPLY CLIMB UP OVER EACH OTHER'S BODIES!

AT 27,000 FEET, THEY DON SMALL PORTABLE OXYGEN MASKS, ENABLING THEM TO BREATHE IN THE RAREFIED ATMOSPHERE, THEN RESUME THEIR CLIMB--TILL FINALLY...

THE SUMMIT!
WE'LL BE THE FIRST TO PLANT THE FLAG!

HARD FOUGHT MINUTES LATER...

W-W-E'D BETTER START DOWN...
I--I'M GETTING DIZZY! OXYGEN'S STARTING--TO GIVE--OUT...

THE CYLINDER...
I FOUND IT!

ABRUPTLY, A BARKED COMMAND...

I'LL TAKE THAT CYLINDER! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, BATMAN!
YOU WERE LUCKY-- BUT NOW YOUR LUCK HAS RUN OUT!

IT DOES APPEAR THAT WAY!

UNSEEN, BATMAN'S DEFT FINGERS SLIP A SHAVING MIRROR OUT OF HIS MOUNTAINEER'S KNAPSACK, AND...

APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING! FOR INSTANCE, LIGHT RAYS REFLECTED FROM SNOW APPEAR TWICE AS DAZZLING IN A MIRROR!

I--I CAN'T SEE!



BATMAN



HIGH ON A LONELY PEAK, TWO MEN STRUGGLE GRIMLY FOR POSSESSION OF A PRICELESS CYLINDER! AND WHEN A MASK SLIPS...



IT--IT'S SYDNEY SMYTHE! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THAT FALL!

GASPING FOR BREATH IN THE THIN AIR, THE FIGHTERS ROLL OVER AND OVER UNTIL...



OH, NO! THEY'RE BOTH GOING OVER THE EDGE!

A SNAKE-LIKE COIL OF ROPE WHIZZES OUT TO CATCH BATMAN...

WHEW! NOT A SECOND TOO SOON! SMYTHE'S FINISHED, THOUGH...



LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN SWITCH COSTUMES AND REJOIN THE OTHERS...



AND SO WE PLANTED THE FLAG ATOP K-4'S SUMMIT!

FRANKLY, I'M SORRY WE DIDN'T GO ALONG WITH YOU! OUR HUNT FOR THE MYSTERY SNOW CREATURE WAS A FAILURE! THE TRACKS PETERED OUT ON ROCKY GROUND!



NEXT DAY, WHEN THE EXPEDITION RETURNS TO GROUND LEVEL, A STUNNING SURPRISE AWAITS THEM...

GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE REAL SYDNEY SMYTHE! HE SHOWED UP TWO DAYS AFTER YOU LEFT HERE!

A FRIGHTFUL MIXUP, WHAT? ON THE WAY TO MEET YOU CHAPS, I WAS ATTACKED, AND MY IDENTIFICATION PAPERS WERE STOLEN! I ARRIVED TOO LATE TO JOIN YOU!

WHEN BRUCE AND DICK ARE ALONE...

THAT FAKE SYDNEY SMYTHE MUST HAVE BEEN A CRIMINAL HIRED BY THE UNDERWORLD! HE STOLE ANOTHER MAN'S IDENTITY TO JOIN THE EXPEDITION--AND THEN ARRANGED TO BE "KILLED" SO HE COULD OPERATE ALONE TO FIND THE CYLINDER!

HE MUST HAVE TIMED HIS FALL TO LAND IN A DEEP SNOW BANK WHERE HE WOULDN'T BE HURT! IT WAS A DARING SCHEME, DICK, AND IT NEARLY WORKED!

NATURALLY, WE SUSPECTED EVERYONE EXCEPT HIM! BUT THERE'S ONE MYSTERY WE STILL HAVEN'T SOLVED... DID HE REALLY PLANT THE TRACKS OF THE "SNOW CREATURE"?

HMM... THOSE TRACKS MIGHT HAVE BEEN REAL, AT THAT! PERHAPS SOMEDAY WE'LL GO BACK UP K-4, TO FIND OUT!

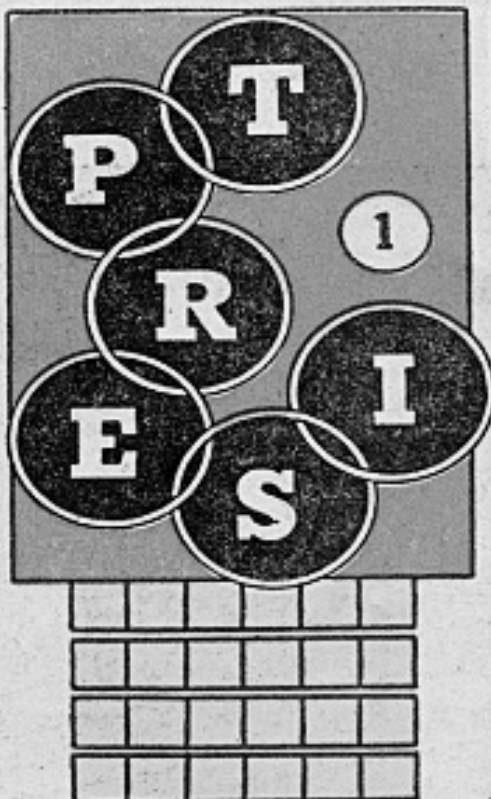


THE END.

TRIXY

the
PUZZLE
monkey

IN PROBLEM NO. 1, CAN YOU SPELL FOUR SIX-LETTER WORDS, USING ALL SIX SCRAMBLED LETTERS IN EACH WORD?



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BATMAN



BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

EVERYONE LIKES BABIES, BUT TAKING CARE OF ONE CAN BE A TENSION HEADACHE IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW-- ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE TWO FAMOUS DETECTIVES, WHO KNOW MORE ABOUT BANDITS THAN BABIES! THAT'S WHAT BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND OUT, WHEN A PROLL CIRCUMSTANCE OF FATE CASTS THE CAPE CRIME-CRUSHER INTO THE ROLE OF...

"BATMAN, BABY-SITTER!"

THE
BAT-SIGNAL'S
CALLING US...
BUT HOW CAN WE
LEAVE THE BABY?





BATMAN



WHEN CRIME STRIKES IN THE NIGHT, TWO GRIM GUARDIANS OF THE LAW ARE QUICK TO STRIKE BACK...



I FIGURED WE'D FIND THE DRUG COMPANY BURGLARS HIDING IN HERE!

BATMAN!
WE GIVE UP!

AFTER DELIVERING THE CROOKS TO THE POLICE, A HUNGRY BATMAN AND ROBIN SPEED HOME-WARP...

HOPE ALFRED HAS A GOOD DINNER PREPARED FOR US! I'M STARVED!

SO AM I... AND WE'VE STILL GOT A LOT OF PATROLING TO DO TONIGHT!



RETURNING TO THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE, THE TWO LAWMEN SWITCH FROM THEIR COLORFUL COSTUMES...



...TO THE EVERYDAY GARMENTS OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON!

BUT A SURPRISE AWAITS THEM UPSTAIRS IN THE WAYNE MANSION...



WHY-- WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING HERE, COUSIN JANE?

SORRY TO BARGE IN ON YOU THIS WAY, COUSIN BRUCE, BUT I'M LEAVING ON THE MIDNIGHT PLANE, AND I WANT YOU TO KEEP THE BABY!

MY HUSBAND IS ILL IN THE TROPICS, WHERE HE'S ON AN ENGINEERING ASSIGNMENT! NATURALLY I CAN'T TAKE JUNIOR TO THAT DANGEROUS PLACE, SO I'VE DECIDED TO LET YOU AND YOUR BUTLER, ALFRED, CARE FOR HIM!

WHY-- ER-- I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU OUT, BUT...

SHE'S GONE-- AND LEFT US WITH THE BABY!

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CARE FOR A BABY! HERE, ALFRED-- YOU TAKE CARE OF HIM!

BUT, MASTER BRUCE... I'M NOT A BABY EXPERT EITHER!





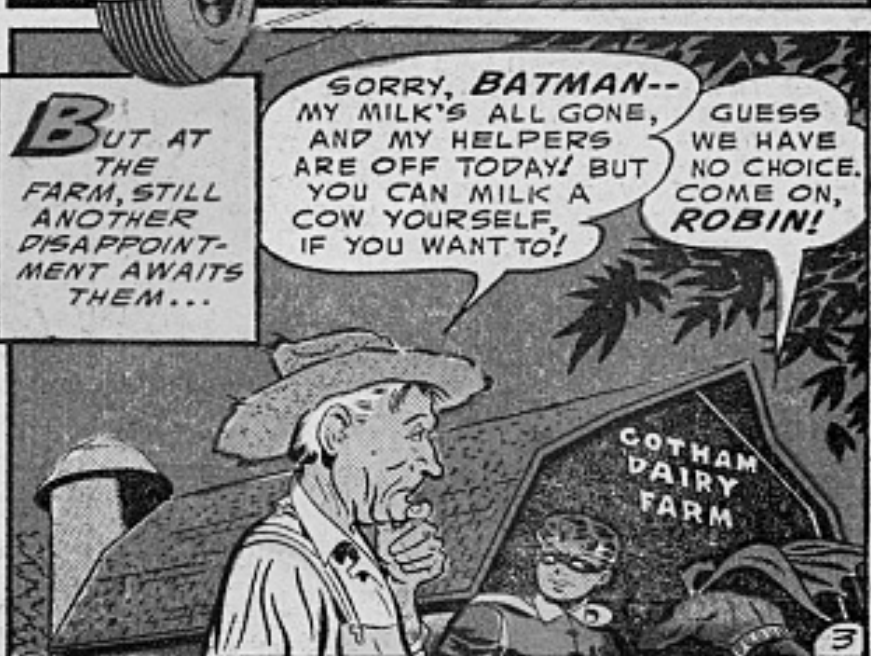
BATMAN



SO IT'S A NEW TYPE OF EMERGENCY THAT FACES THE DYNAMIC DUO...



MINUTES LATER, ON A STREET OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY...





BATMAN



AND AS "FARMER" BATMAN GETS TO WORK...

COME ON, BOSSY-- QUIT KICKING AND GIVE!

SHE'S ALARMED BY YOUR MASK AND COSTUME! NICE COW--NICE!



WET AND WEARY, BATMAN AND ROBIN FINALLY RETURN TO THE BAT-CAVE, WHERE...

THE BRAT... ER... I MEAN--THE BABY HASN'T STOPPED BAWLING YET! DID YOU GET THE MILK?

HERE IT IS! FOR GOODNESS SAKE, GET IT INTO HIM!



AND SO, AT LAST, A BLESSED SILENCE DESCENDS BY THE TIME THE DUO CHANGES CLOTHING...

JUST THEN...

A TOUCHY PROBLEM INDEED-- AND AFTERWARD, IN THE BABY'S BEDROOM...

ER... I BELIEVE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BURP HIM WHEN HE'S FINISHED!

HMPH-- A FINE TIME WE'LL HAVE FIGHTING CRIME, WITH THIS PROBLEM-CHILD TO CARE FOR!

BAT--MAN!
BAT--MAN!

WHAT--? GREAT SCOTT! HE HEARD YOU SAY MY NAME! HE KNOWS MY SECRET IDENTITY! WH-- WHAT'LL I DO IF HE CALLS ME BATMAN IN FRONT OF ANYONE?

I DON'T LIKE IT... HE COULD INNOCENTLY EXPOSE ME!

NO, YOU DON'T, ALFRED! YOU'RE NOT RUNNING OUT ON US!

BUT I-- UH--JUST THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO BE ALONE WITH THE LITTLE...ER... DARLING!



AT THAT MOMENT...

BRUCE! THE BAT-SIGNAL!

POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS CALLING US! TAKE OVER, ALFRED!



NO--WAIT! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! WHAT IF JUNIOR WAKES UP?

WE WON'T BE LONG... AND WE'LL BRING YOU BACK SOME TOYS TO KEEP HIM HAPPY!





BATMAN



WITHIN SECONDS, THE GRIM BAT-PLANE SOARS FORTH FROM ITS SECRET HANGAR BENEATH THE WAYNE MANSION...

ACCORDING TO THE POLICE RADIO, BANDITS HAVE RAIDED THE **EASTERN DIAMOND COMPANY** AND ARE ESCAPING BY HELICOPTER!

WE SHOULD SPOT THEM SOON ENOUGH!

BUT CUNNING CROOKS HAVE PREPARED FOR THIS EMERGENCY...

BATMAN! THEY'VE GOT A **BIG BOMB** TIED UNDER THE 'COPTER! IF IT'S FORCED DOWN, IT'LL EXPLODE!

SMART...THEY KNOW WE WON'T RISK THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE BELOW!

AND A SHORT WHILE LATER...

THERE'S THE HELICOPTER, NOW, **BATMAN!**

WE'LL FORCE IT DOWN!

WHILE INSIDE THE HELICOPTER...

YEAH... ALL WE GOTTA DO IS PARACHUTE OUT AT THE RIGHT TIME-- AND LEAVE THIS PLANE TO CRASH ANYWHERE!

HAW, HAW... WE GOT **BATMAN** STYMIED!

AND IN THE PURSUING BAT-PLANE...

WE MUST AVERT THAT BOMB DANGER! I'LL GET ATOP THE **BAT-PLANE**, AND YOU BRING ME RIGHT UNDER THE HELICOPTER!

I DON'T LIKE IT, **BATMAN**, BUT-- ALL RIGHT!

MOMENTS LATER, IN MID-AIR, A SUPREME ACROBAT PERFORMS HIS MOST DARING FEAT...

MADE IT!... AND THEY DIDN'T EVEN SEE ME! MUSTN'T HIT THAT BOMB'S DETONATOR, THOUGH, OR WE'LL ALL BLOW UP!



BATMAN

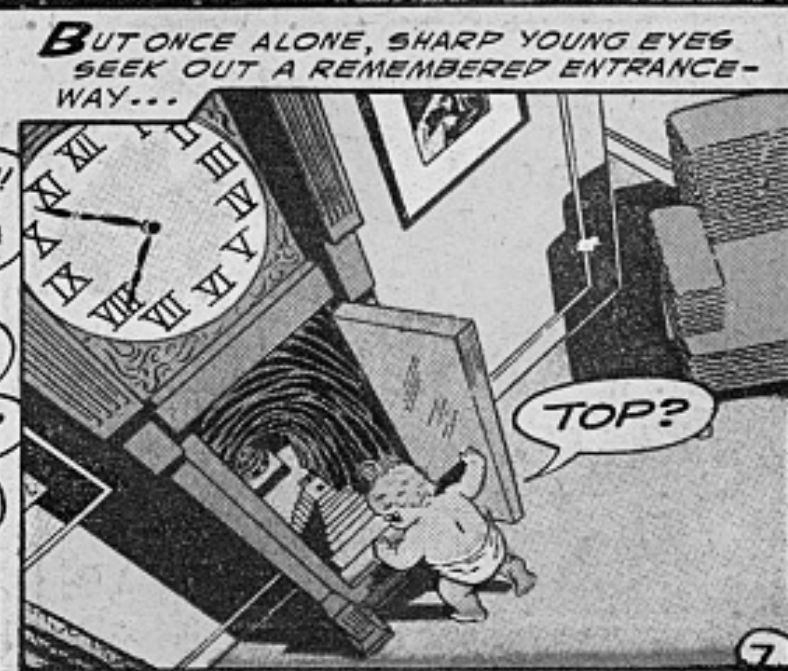




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THE FOLLOWING MORNING, HOWEVER, A NEW PROBLEM CONFRONTS THE DUC...

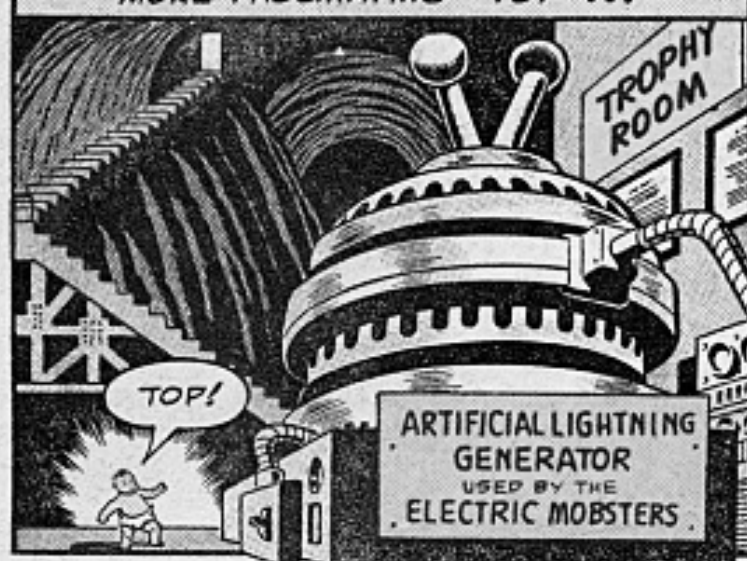




BATMAN



AND JUNIOR HAPPILY COMES UPON A MORE FASCINATING "TOY"...



BABY HANDS BLUNDER AGAINST A SWITCH, BRINGING TO LIFE ONE OF THE BAT-CAVE'S MOST FRIGHTENING TROPHIES!



AND AS ROBIN RESPONDS TO THE SUDDEN NOISE...



THE BOY WONDER, WITH SUPER-HUMAN SPEED, HOOKS HIS ROPE TO AN OVERHEAD BEAM, AND...



NEXT MOMENT, AS A TERRIFIC FORCE LIGHTS UP THE BAT-CAVE...



AND WHEN, AT LAST, THE SHATTERING FORCE HAS BEEN CURBED...

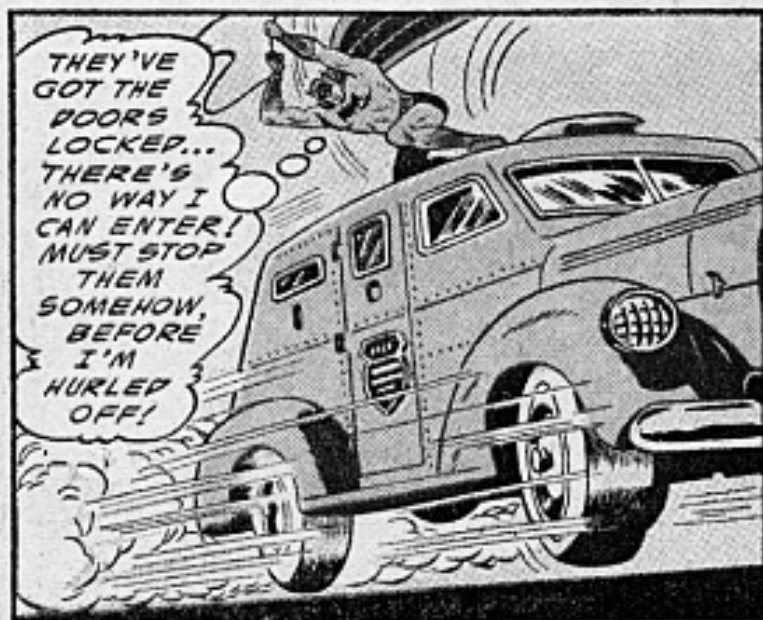
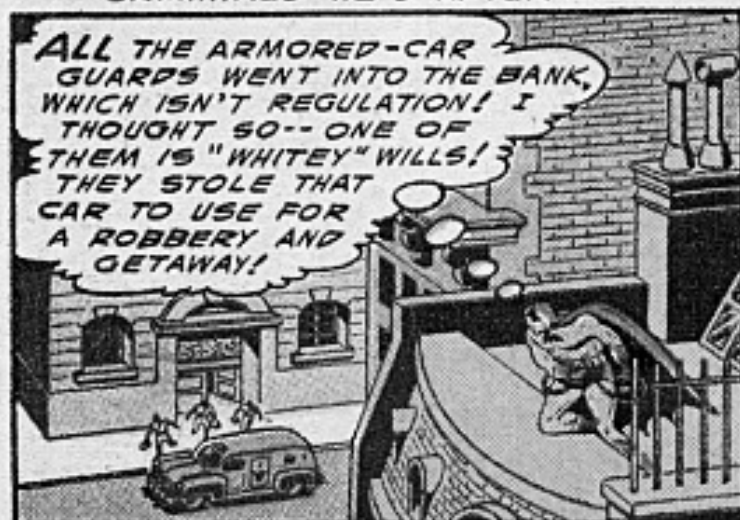




BATMAN



MEANWHILE, WHERE A TENSELY PATROLING BATMAN HAS SPOTTED THE CRIMINALS HE'S AFTER...



CROUCHED ON THE SPEEDING ARMORED CAR, THE CAPED CRIME-CRUSHER TRIES A DARING STRATAGEM...





BATMAN



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Little

PETE

HENRY
GOLDFARB

R-RING

I'LL ANSWER
IT, DADDY!

HELLO!

YES, THIS IS
THE NUMBER...

I KNOW THAT!

BANG

WHO WAS
IT, PETE?THAT OPERATOR
IS AWFUL
DUMB...SHE TOLD ME IT WAS A
LONG DISTANCE FROM
WASHINGTON. I KNEW
THAT, SO I HUNG UP!

END

THEY SPOT THE PHONEY GEMS



**They Are the Stone Sleuths of the Gemological Institute,
and Their Job Is To Detect the Duds**

NOT long ago, a well-to-do American staying in a Paris hotel opened his door to a midnight visitor. The visitor wasted no time in getting to the point:

"Mr. Smith, I know you, but you do not know me. I was a German citizen until I became an inmate of a concentration camp. At that time I lost all of my possessions except the family jewels. And now I am forced to sell those. For the sake of obtaining American dollars, I will let you have some valuable emeralds at a fraction of their actual value."

Whereupon the visitor opened a secret flap in the toe of his shoe and removed from the hollow five superb emeralds set in a bracelet.

The American examined the emeralds and believed them to be genuine.

"What are you asking for them?" he asked.

"The stones are easily worth \$10,000 as you no doubt realize," answered the visitor, "but for the sake of a quick

sale, I will let you have them for \$5,000."

"They look good, and the price is right. But, there's a jewelry shop down the street. Would you mind if I had the emeralds appraised?"

"Not at all," returned the visitor. "I don't blame you one bit. Let us go."

At the shop, the jeweler examined the gems through his loup and nodded approvingly.

"Beautiful! Worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000, I would say."

When the American returned to the United States, he took his purchase to a well-known jeweler for another appraisal. The jeweler examined the emeralds, and said:

"They look genuine. But there's only one way to be absolutely sure—by taking them to the laboratory of the Gemological Institute."

At the lab, the gems were placed inside an odd device in which they were

exposed to ultraviolet light rays. The emeralds took on a brownish-red color.

The Institute technician shook his head. "Bad news, I'm afraid. These emeralds are synthetic. They're remarkable imitations. Genuine emeralds would not turn brownish-red under ultraviolet. They would turn a sort of pastel orange color."

The unhappy owner was :hast. "But I had them appraised. A jeweler said they were genuine!"

"You can hardly blame him," said the jeweler. "As I said, the stones are perfect duplicates of the real thing. And that is why the gem detectives came into existence."

Who are the gem detectives?

Actually, they belong to an organization known as the Gemological Institute of America. With offices in key cities, the Institute, which is controlled by the nation's jewelry industry, has chalked up an amazing record of fake gem detection since its inception back in 1931, thanks to scientific instruments it invented.

A mere 25 years ago, the great majority of jewelers could not place an exact value on a gem. In most cases, fakes could not always be told from genuine stones. All that is different now, because of the gem detectives.

While no one has ever tried to make a synthetic diamond, crooks have often tried to pass as diamonds three other minerals which, to the untrained eye,

resemble diamonds: Zircon, synthetic rutile, and synthetic spinel. Even jewelers have been taken in by these sparkling synthetics. One jeweler correctly noted that synthetic rutile sparkles even more than a diamond.

But gem detectives submit doubtful stones to a device called a refractometer, which measures the degree of deflection a beam of light undergoes while passing through a transparent gem. No other stone, real or fake, can slow down the speed of light with exactly the same degree as the diamond—hence, the jeweler can tell in an instant if the diamond is a true one, or false.

Of all the precious stones, most people are fooled by the synthetic sapphires. Not even chemical analysis can detect the difference between real sapphires and synthetics.

The gem forger, who toiled for months to create a perfect synthetic sapphire some months ago, was on the point of selling it to a wealthy industrialist when the Gemological Institute stepped in.

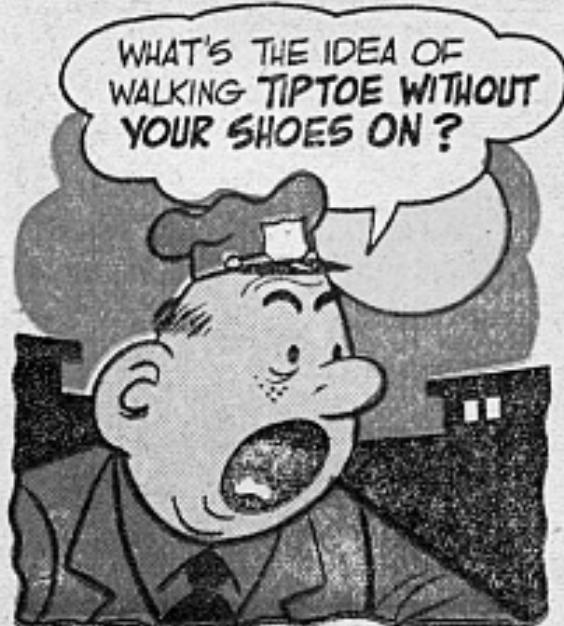
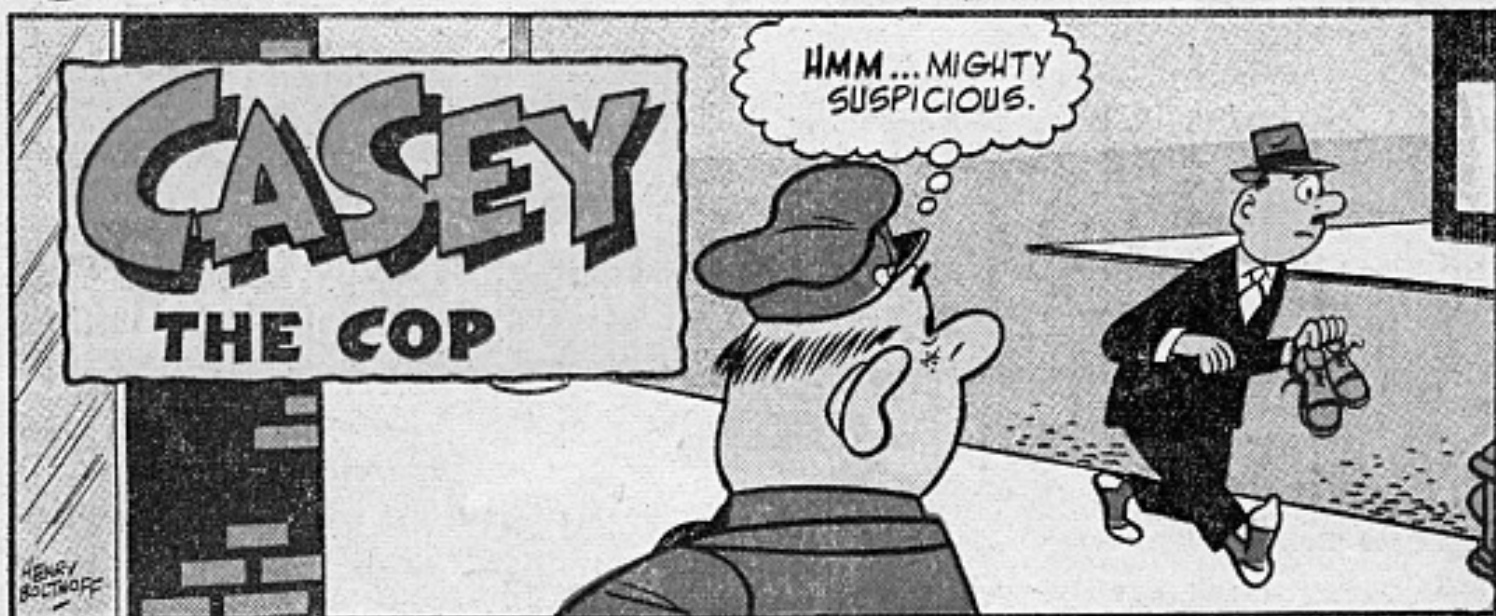
The Institute came up with the startling information that genuine sapphires contain *flaws*, resulting from the gem's growth, while synthetics are unable to duplicate these flaws—and come out too perfect.

By such means, gem detectives have made the jewelry industry a far safer one than it was before.

—Jack Miller



BATMAN





BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

FROM OUT OF THE PREHISTORIC AGES, WHEN CAVEMEN AND MIGHTY MAMMOTHS LIVED, THERE COMES TO GOTHAM CITY A RELIC OF STRANGE MYSTERY! AND WHEN THOSE DYNAMIC DETECTIVES, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, GO BACK IN TIME TO SOLVE THAT MYSTERY, THEIR COMRADE IN STRUGGLE TURNS OUT TO BE THAT STONE AGE CRIME-CRUSHER WHO COULD TRULY BE CALLED...

The CAVEMAN BATMAN

IT'S **TIGER MAN**, THE "BATMAN" OF THIS TIME! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!

IN A FAR-DISTANT CAVE, DR. WILLIAM SAYRE OF GOTHAM CITY MAKES AN ASTOUNDING ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY...

SOON, AT THE GOTHAM MUSEUM, A CAVE-PAINTING, THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD, STIRS A PRESENT-DAY CONTROVERSY...

A ROCK PAINTING, DONE BY CAVEMEN! BUT--WHAT IT SHOWS IS AMAZING! I MUST TAKE THIS TO GOTHAM CITY... IT MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT HISTORICAL DISCOVERY YET!

IT SEEMS GENUINE, BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S A CLEVER FAKE! DR. SAYRE THOUGHT HE COULD MAKE HIMSELF A GREAT REPUTATION--BUT HE WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

AND THIS SCIENTIFIC CONTROVERSY IS DESTINED TO HURL **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** INTO AN INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE--



BATMAN



--FOR RICH "PLAYBOY" BRUCE WAYNE, SECRETLY **BATMAN**, IS ALSO A TRUSTEE OF THE MUSEUM...

THE BEAST IN THAT PAINTING, THE **TYRANNOSAURUS**, DIED OUT AGES BEFORE THE CAVEMEN LIVED! THE PAINTING IS A HOAX, AND DR. SAYRE SHOULD BE DISCHARGED FROM THE MUSEUM!

BUT-- BUT THAT'S JUST THE WAY I FOUND IT... THERE MUST BE **SOME** EXPLANATION!

THERE'S ONLY ONE EXPLANATION, DR. SAYRE... **FORGERY!**

NO ONE BELIEVES ME... MY SCIENTIFIC REPUTATION IS RUINED! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT PAINTING GENUINE!

LATER, AT HOME, AS BRUCE DISCUSSES THE MATTER WITH HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

IT **MUST** BE A FAKE, BRUCE! DINOSAURS DID DIE OUT MILLIONS OF YEARS BEFORE MAN!

YES-- BUT I'VE BEEN FRIENDLY WITH DR. SAYRE FOR YEARS, AND I KNOW HE'S HONEST! YET THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PROVE IT!

YOU MEAN-- HAVE PROFESSOR CARTER NICHOLS SEND US BACK IN TIME?

EXACTLY! IF DR. SAYRE IS INNOCENT, WE MUST RE-STORE HIS GOOD NAME-- AND THE KEY TO THE TRUTH LIES IN THE CAVEMAN ERA!

SO AGAIN BRUCE AND DICK SEEK THE AID OF THEIR OLD FRIEND, PROFESSOR NICHOLS, WHOSE SCIENTIFIC GENIUS HAS MASTERED TIME...

BACK... BACK THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER YOU'LL GO... BACK TO THE **STONE AGE!**

A MOMENT OF DARKNESS, A STRANGE SENSE OF FALLING-- AND THEN...

THIS IS THE **STONE AGE**, ALL RIGHT... BUT WHERE'S THE CAVE IN WHICH DR. SAYRE FOUND THE PAINTING?

I MEMORIZED HIS DIRECTIONS... THAT ONE MUST BE IT! WE'LL SWITCH TO OUR COSTUMES AND GIVE IT THE **ONCE-OVER!**

DONNING A COLORFUL GARB, THE TWO FRIENDS ASSUME THEIR OTHER IDENTITIES...



...THE IDENTITIES OF-- **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**



BATMAN



BUT UPON INSPECTING THE CAVE...

THERE'S NO
ROCK-PAINTING
HERE AT ALL!

YET THIS *MUST* BE
THE CAVE -- THOUGH IT
DOESN'T SEEM EXACTLY
AS DR. SAYRE DESCRIBED
IT! I DON'T UNDERSTAND
THIS AT ALL!

PART OF THE
ROOF MAY HAVE
FALLEN IN LATER,
BUT THAT STILL
DOESN'T
EXPLAIN THE
TYRANNOSAURUS!

NO-- BUT THERE ARE
CAVEMAN VILLAGES
ALONG THIS VALLEY!
MAYBE THEY KNOW
SOMETHING ABOUT
THAT MYSTERIOUS
BEAST!

INTO THE PREHISTORIC VALLEY GO THE
CAPED CRIME-CRUSHERS FROM THE
20TH CENTURY-- AS AN ANCIENT MENACE
THREATENS...

LOOK OUT,
BATMAN--
A TIGER!

A SABRE-TOOTH
TIGER-- THREE TIMES AS
BIG AS THOSE OF OUR
OWN DAYS! WE CAN'T
OUTRUN IT! QUICK,
ROBIN--
YOUR ROPE!

BUT AN EVEN GREATER SURPRISE AWAITS
THEM AS THEY LASSO THE "TIGER"...

WHY-- IT'S A
MAN,
DRESSED
IN A TIGER
SKIN!

YOU HAVE TRAPPED ME--
BUT LOOK BACK THERE!
UNLESS WE RUN, WE
WILL ALL DIE!

MAMMOTH--
GIANT ELEPHANTS!
THE BURNING GRASS
IS STAMPEDE
THEM THIS WAY!

UNLESS WE GET
UP THE CLIFFS,
THEY'LL TRAMPLE
US FLAT! HURRY!

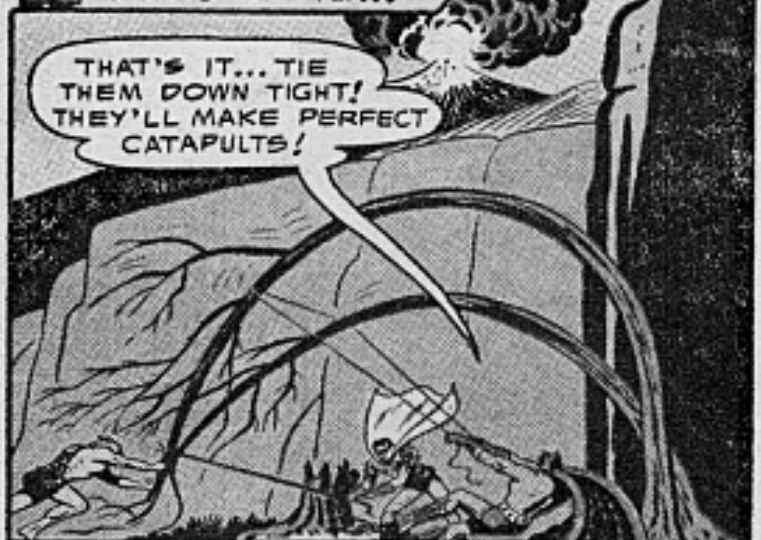
BUT THE WILD STAMPEDE OF MONSTERS
OF AN ELDER AGE THUNDERS RELENT-
LESSLY TO TRAP THEM...

HE
STUMBLED--
AND WE'RE
TRAPPED
AGAINST
THE
CLIFF!

AND BORR,
MY ENEMY,
HAS WON!
HE STARTED
THIS STAMPEDE!

THERE'S
STILL A CHANCE...
HELP ME WITH
THESE YOUNG
TREES!

WITH ONLY SECONDS TO SPARE, THE DUO WORKS SWIFTLY...



NEXT INSTANT...



AFTERWARD, ATOP THE CLIFF...



YOU ARE GREAT WARRIORS AND MAGICIANS... YOU SAVED MY LIFE FROM BORR! MY NAME IS ROG!

AND WE'RE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!** BUT WHO IS BORR-- AND WHY DO YOU WEAR THAT TIGER MASK?

I WEAR IT SO BORR AND HIS EVIL FOLLOWERS WILL NOT KNOW ME! I AM **TIGER MAN**, AND I FIGHT SECRETLY AGAINST THEIR WICKED OPPRESSIONS!

YOU SAID THAT BORR STARTED THAT MAMMOTH STAMPEDE?

YES, TO KILL ME! THEY OPPRESS AND LOOT ALL OUR CAVE-VILLAGES! THAT IS WHY I BECAME **TIGER MAN**-- TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM!

WHY, THEN, THAT MAKES ROG A **PREHISTORIC "BATMAN"**!

YES-- AND WE CAN HELP HIM BY SHOWING HIM SOME OF OUR OWN TRICKS!

BUT WE'VE A MISSION HERE, TOO! **TIGER MAN**, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PICTURE OF A BEAST LIKE THIS?

I'VE SEEN NO PICTURE, BUT I'VE SEEN THE BEAST ITSELF!

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

WHERE, **TIGER MAN**? WE MUST SEE IT, TOO!

THE BEAST IS IN BORR'S GREAT CAVE! IT IS THE TERRIBLE MENACE WITH WHICH BORR FRIGHTENS ALL OUR PEOPLE!



BATMAN



TOMORROW WE'LL GO TO BORR'S CAVE TO LOOK AT THAT "MENACE"! BUT IT'S LATE NOW-- AND TONIGHT, WE'LL TEACH YOU SOME THINGS YOU CAN USE IN THE FUTURE!

WE'LL MAKE HIM A REAL STONE AGE "BATMAN" WHILE WE'RE HERE!

SO THAT NIGHT, UNDER A PREHISTORIC MOON, THE 20TH CENTURY LAWMEN JOIN HANDS WITH A LAWMAN OF THE PRIMITIVE PAST...

THAT ROPE WOVEN OF GRASS IS STRONG-- BUT YOU CAN MAKE A STRONGER ONE OF HIDE LATER ON!

WHY-- IT ENABLES ME TO FLY FROM TREE TO TREE LIKE A BIRD!

IN THIS BELT ARE FLINT AND STEEL FOR FIRE, EARTH PIGMENTS, A FEW SIMPLE MINERALS YOU CAN EASILY FIND FOR MAKING SMOKE TO HIDE YOU, OR CHOKING GAS TO DRIVE AWAY YOUR ENEMIES!

I WILL WEAR IT ALWAYS!

THESE TRICKS ARE WONDERFUL-- BUT THE TRIBES STILL FEAR BORR'S GREAT MONSTER ABOVE ALL ELSE! AND BORR WILL COME TO ROB THEM TOMORROW AS USUAL!

IN THAT CASE, MAYBE ROBIN AND I CAN FIX UP SOMETHING THAT WILL IMPRESS THEM EVEN MORE THAN BORR'S FETISH!

WITH THE SUNRISE, A STONE-AGE MOBSTER AND HIS LOYAL FOLLOWERS COME ON AN EVIL MISSION...

AND IN THE CAVE THAT IS TIGER MAN'S SECRET BASE, THE DUO MAKES HASTY PREPARATIONS...

BUT WHAT ARE YOU CONSTRUCTING OUT OF THOSE ANIMAL SKINS AND WILLOW STICKS?

SOMETHING THAT WILL GIVE BORR A SURPRISE! WE'LL WATCH ON THE CLIFFS ABOVE THE CAVE-VILLAGES TILL HE COMES!

BUT IF YOU TAKE ALL OUR FOOD AND WEAPONS, BORR, WE'LL STARVE!

SILENCE! IF YOU DEFY ME, I WILL TURN MY TERRIBLE MONSTER LOOSE TO DESTROY YOU!





BATMAN



BUT THREE LAWYERS, OF TWO DIFFERENT AGES, ARE ON WATCH--AND READY TO ACT...

YOU MEAN, YOU'RE GOING TO FLY DOWN?

WITH THESE GLIDER-WINGS! YES! IT'LL OUTDO BORR'S PHONY MONSTER-- AND YOU CAN FOLLOW ALMOST AS FAST BY YOUR ROPE!

BORR-- LOOK! MEN FROM THE SKY! THEY FLY LIKE BIRDS!

ABRUPTLY...

WE'LL MOP THEM UP FAST, BEFORE THEY GET OVER THEIR AMAZEMENT! **TIGER MAN** WILL BE WITH US IN A MOMENT!



BUT THE CRAFTY BORR IS ALSO WILY AND RESOURCEFUL...

TIGER MAN AND YOU STRANGERS-- STAND BACK, OR I WILL KILL THE CHIEF!

THAT MUST NOT HAPPEN! OLD CHIEF WARRA IS THE FATHER OF HIS TRIBE!

HOLD IT, **ROBIN!**

NOW, UNLESS ONE OF YOU STRANGERS COMES WITH ME, AND SHOWS ME HOW TO FLY LIKE A BIRD, OLD WARRA DIES!

ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO! WE CAN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THE OLD CHIEF!

NO, **ROBIN--** WAIT!



BUT THE BOY WONDER HAS MOVED TOO SWIFTLY FOR BATMAN TO STOP HIM...

DON'T WORRY, **BATMAN**-- I'LL STALL THIS BIG LUG FOR AWHILE!

BORR IS TAKING HIM TO HIS GREAT CAVE... HE'LL HARM THE BOY, UNLESS HE TEACHES HIM TO FLY!

AND WE CAN'T FOLLOW HIM OPENLY, BECAUSE THAT WOULD ENDANGER **ROBIN!**

BUT WE CAN FOLLOW ALONG THE CLIFFTOP WITHOUT THEIR SEEING US!

THAT STILL DOES US NO GOOD, FOR THERE IS NO WAY OF GAINING ENTRANCE INTO BORR'S GUARDED CAVE!





BATMAN



AND, SURE ENOUGH, HIGH ABOVE THE CRIMINAL'S CAVE...

SEE?... WE CAN'T GET IN WITHOUT BORR'S GUARDS OBSERVING US! THEY'D GIVE THE ALARM!

HMM--THAT FIRE... HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO USE YOUR NEW UTILITY-BELT, **TIGER MAN!** LISTEN...

NEXT MOMENT... I DROPPED THE SMOKE-MAKING MINERAL INTO THEIR FIRE AS YOU TOLD ME, **BATMAN!**

AND THE SMOKE WILL KEEP THEM FROM SEEING US ENTER! TIE THIS CLOTH OVER YOUR FACE AND FOLLOW ME DOWN THE ROPE!



HIDDEN BY SWIRLING SMOKE, TWO STEALTHY FORMS ENTER THE GREAT CAVE...

SO!... BORR TOLD THE TRUTH! HE DOES HAVE A TYRANNOSAURUS--ONE FROZEN FOR AGES IN GLACIAL ICE!

YES, IT IS THE GREAT THREAT HE HOLDS OVER US! BUT THE SMOKE IS THINNING--THEY'LL SEE US UNLESS WE HIDE IN THE STACKS OF FIREWOOD!

TELL ME HOW TO FLY LIKE A BIRD!

WE'LL ENDANGER **ROBIN** IF WE CHARGE! THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE... HELP ME SET FIRE TO THESE BIG STACKS OF FIREWOOD!



SECONDS LATER...

LOOK, BORR! OUR STORE OF FIREWOOD BURNS--AND IT'S MELTING THE ICE AROUND THE GREAT BEAST!

SOMEONE SET IT AFIRE! QUICK, WE MUST FIND THEM!

BATMAN, YOU FREED ME--BUT BORR WILL CATCH US ALL NOW!

NOT IF WHAT I'M COUNTING ON HAPPENS--AND IT HAS! QUICK, DOWN BEHIND THOSE ROCKS!

THE FROZEN BEAST--IT LIVES!





BATMAN



IT'S THE VERY SCENE DEPICTED IN DR. SAYRE'S ROCK-PAINTING... BUT HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

HEAT HAS BEEN KNOWN IN THE PAST TO THAW BACK TO LIFE CREATURES LONG-FROZEN IN ICE! I WAS HOPING THIS WOULD HAPPEN!

AND SO, AS NIGHT FALLS...

THE CREATURE COULD NOT SURVIVE LONG IN THE CHANGED CLIMATE-- BUT IT CHASED BORN AND HIS RASCALS OUT OF YOUR VALLEY FOR GOOD!

THIS WHOLE STORY WILL BE RECORDED BY PAINTINGS ON THE ROCK!

AND LOOK, **TIGER MAN**-- IN CASE EVIL MUST BE FOUGHT AGAIN...

... A **TIGER SIGNAL** I CONTRIVED FOR YOU, USING A **TIGER-SKIN SET** AGAINST THE VOLCANO'S GLOW! WITH IT, YOUR PEOPLE CAN CALL **TIGER MAN** AGAIN IF HE'S NEEDED!

AND NOW, **ROBIN**, WE'D BETTER SWITCH IDENTITIES! WE'LL BE DRAWN BACK SOON TO OUR CENTURY!

AND BACK IN THE 20TH CENTURY, **BRUCE AND DICK** SOON BRING AN ADDED ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY TO LIGHT...

WHAT DR. SAYRE FOUND WAS ONLY **ONE** PAINTING! THIS OTHER WAS HIDDEN WHEN THE CAVE ROOF COLLAPSED!

SEEP... IT SHOWS THE **TYRANNOSAURUS** FROZEN IN ICE! THAT'S HOW IT SURVIVED!

WHICH PROVES, DR. SAYRE, THAT YOUR FIND IS COMPLETELY AUTHENTIC!

BUT WE'D NEVER HAVE KNOWN THERE WAS ANOTHER PAINTING IF WE HADN'T GONE BACK AND HEARD **TIGER MAN** SAY THE WHOLE STORY WOULD BE PAINTED!

GOOD OLD **TIGER MAN**-- HE WAS PROBABLY THE WORLD'S FIRST LAWMAN! I'M GLAD WE HELPED HIM!

YES-- IT WAS MEN LIKE HIM WHO STARTED US ALL ON THE ROAD TO CIVILIZATION!



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